

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 MOSCOW 00839 181524Z

ACTION OES-07

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 SOE-02 AID-05 CEA-01 CIAE-00

COME-00 DODE-00 EB-08 H-01 INR-07 INT-05 L-03

NSAE-00 NSC-05 OMB-01 PM-05 USIA-06 SP-02 SS-15

STR-06 TRSE-00 ACDA-12 OC-06 CCO-00 /110 W

-----043929 190148Z /64

R 181430Z JAN 78

FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6835

DOE WASHDC

DOE GERMANTOWN MD

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE MOSCOW 0839

DEPT OF ENERGY FOR HILL AND BERGOLD

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: TGEN, ENRG, US, UR

SUBJECT: US-USSR ENERGY AGREEMENT: SUPERCONDUCTING TRANSMISSION
(08.02-07)

REF: STATE 1176

1. DURING 16 JANUARY MEETING AT MINPOWER, MAL'TSEV
EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT OVER US CANCELLATION OF USDEL
NOVEMBER VISIT ON ELECTROPHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF
SUPERCONDUCTING MATERIALS, AND AT SUBSEQUENT US REFUSAL
TO ACCEPT SOVDEL ON SAME TOPIC IN JANUARY. MAL'TSEV
PROVIDED LEVITOV RESPONSE (TRANSLATION PROVIDED PARA 2)
TO HUGH LONG'S LETTER OF 3 JANUARY (REFTEL), EXPLAINING
THAT SOVIETS DO NOT UNDERSTAND LONG'S INSISTENCE ON
VISITS TO SOVIET ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED IN MANUFACTURE
OF SUPERCONDUCTING MATERIALS. SCICOUNS NOTED THAT
US DELS HAVE ALREADY VISITED LABORATORIES INVOLVED IN
TESTING, BUT HAVE NOT SEEN MANUFACTURING ENTERPRISES.
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 MOSCOW 00839 181524Z

MAL'TSEV CONTENDED THAT THE PROGRAM AGREED IN JUNE
1977 HAS NO CONNECTION TO MANUFACTURE, BUT IS
EXPLICITLY ON ELECTROPHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF SUPER-
CONDUCTIVE MATERIALS. HE SAID SOVIET HAD SET UP
PROGRAM FOR NOVEMBER FOR THE JOINT TESTING OF SUCH
MATERIALS AT THE INSTITUTIONS INVOLVED IN THE
COOPERATION, BUT "TEN DAYS BEFORE THE US DEL WAS

TO ARRIVE," LONG INSISTED ON VISITING MANUFACTURING INSTALLATIONS WHICH ARE NEITHER PARTICIPANTS IN THE SOVIET-AMERICAN COOPERATION NOR UNDER THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND ELECTRIFICATION. MAL'TSEV CONTENDED THAT WHILE MANUFACTURE WAS REASONABLE FOR THE AMERICANS TO DISCUSS WITH THEIR SOVIET COLLEAGUES IF THEY WERE INTERESTED IN ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM OF COOPERATION IN THAT AREA, IT IS "WRONG TO INSIST AT THE LAST MOMENT BEFORE A VISIT THAT ACCESS TO AN UNAGREED AREA IS A CRITERION FOR A DELEGATION'S APPEARANCE." MAL'TSEV REQUESTED ASSISTANCE OF SCICOUNS, STRESSING THAT SECOND ENERGY JCM NOTED THE HIGH IMPORTANCE OF US-USSR COOPERATION IN SUPERCONDUCTING TRANSMISSION. MAL'TSEV CONCLUDED WITH REQUEST THAT VISITS OF US DEL AND SOVDEL OCCUR SHORTLY AS AGREED.

2. INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF LEVITOV LETTER POUCHED TO OES:APT/SEP, REGISTRY NO. 2076459, FOLLOWS.

BEGIN QUOTE.

DEAR DR. LONG:

IN RESPONSE TO YOUR LETTER OF JANUARY 3, 1978 FIRST OF ALL I WANT TO POINT OUT THAT I DO NOT QUITE UNDERSTAND YOUR POSITION CONCERNING THE VISIT OF AMERICAN SPECIALISTS TO THE USSR, WHICH YOU CONDITIONED BY THE ORGANIZATION OF VISITS TO ENTERPRISES PRODUCING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 MOSCOW 00839 181524Z

SUPERCONDUCTORS. IN THE PROTOCOL OF THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE COORDINATION COMMITTEE (SUPPLEMENT 3, POINT 4), IT WAS STATED THAT THE PURPOSE OF JOINT EXPERIMENTS DURING THIS VISIT WOULD BE STUDIES OF PROPERTIES OF SUPERCONDUCTIVE MATERIALS, AND ORGANIZATIONS PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM OF THE VISIT WERE NAMED. FOLLOWING THE POINTS OF THE PROTOCOL SIGNED IN JUNE, WE DREW UP A PROGRAM OF JOINT EXPERIMENTS WHICH WAS SENT TO YOU WITH MY LETTER OF OCTOBER 28, 1977. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROTOCOL OF THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE, ENLISTING OTHER ORGANIZATIONS INTO COOPERATION SHOULD FURTHER THE FULFILLMENT OF THE AGREED PROGRAMS OF JOINT WORK AND MAKING DECISION ON THIS QUESTION SHOULD BE LEFT AT EACH SIDE'S DISCRETION. IN THIS CONNECTION, I CANNOT AGREE TO YOUR POINT OF VIEW THAT ACCESS TO CORRESPONDING UNITS IN THE USSR AND THE USA TAKES THE CENTRAL PLACE IN ACHIEVING THE GOAL OF OUR COOPERATION. SUCH VISITS ARE NOT THE END IN ITSELF AND SHOULD BE CLOSELY LINKED WITH THE THEMES AND TASKS OF OUR COOPERATION. IN EACH CASE, SUCH VISITS SHOULD BE GIVEN SEPARATE CONSIDERATION WITH DUE REGARD FOR THEIR EXPEDIENCY AND POSSIBILITIES OF

BOTH SIDES FOR THEIR FULFILLMENT. IN PARTICULAR, I WANT TO POINT OUT THAT THE WORK OF THE LABORATORY OF INORGANIC MATERIALS IS NOT CONCERNED WITH CONDUCTING INVESTIGATIONS AND WITH DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FIELD OF SUPERCONDUCTIVE POWER TRANSMISSION LINES, EITHER WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF OUR NATIONAL PROGRAM OR THE FRAMEWORK OF SOVIET-AMERICAN COOPERATION IN THIS FIELD.

I BELIEVE THAT THE COORDINATION COMMITTEE AND, IN THE FIRST PLACE, ITS CO-CHAIRMEN SHOULD FURTHER IN EVERY POSSIBLE WAY REALIZATION OF THE AGREED PROGRAMS BEING DISCUSSED AND APPROVED AT SESSIONS OF THE COMMITTEE. I HOPE THAT YOU WILL REGARD WITH UNDERSTANDING MY OPINION CONCERNING THE PURPOSE AND TASKS OF OUR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 04 MOSCOW 00839 181524Z

JOINT WORK.

AS FOR THE VISIT TO THE USSR OF AMERICAN SPECIALISTS ON STUDIES OF ELECTROPHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF SUPERCONDUCTIVE MATERIALS (WORKING GROUP 4), WE ARE READY TO RECEIVE THEM AT ANY TIME CONVENIENT TO YOU AFTER FEBRUARY 10, ACCORDING TO THE PROGRAM SENT TO YOU WITH THE LETTER OF OCTOBER 28, 1977.

THIS PROGRAM INCLUDES JOINT EXPERIMENTS AT VEI, VNIIEP, AND VISITS TO THE KURCHATOV INSTITUTE OF ATOMIC POWER AND THE BAYKOV INSTITUTE OF METALLURGY.

I AM SURE THAT JOINT EXPERIMENTS ON THE PROPOSED PROGRAM WILL BE FRUITFUL AND USEFUL.

IF YOU DO NOT AGREE TO THIS PROPOSAL, I WOULD THINK IT ADVISABLE TO SUBMIT THIS QUESTION TO THE NEXT SESSION OF OUR COMMITTEE (SIXTH SESSION).

I SHALL APPRECIATE YOUR EARLY REPLY.

WITH BEST WISHES.

PROFESSOR V. LEVITOV.

END QUOTE.

MATLOCK

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: AGREEMENTS, ENERGY
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 18 jan 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978MOSCOW00839
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780028-0072
Format: TEL
From: MOSCOW
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780150/aaaabpzh.tel
Line Count: 156
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: edb1cfe2-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION OES
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 STATE 1176
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 05 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: N/A
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3755899
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: US-USSR ENERGY AGREEMENT: SUPERCONDUCTING TRANSMISSION (08.02-07)
TAGS: TGEN, ENRG, US, UR
To: STATE DOE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/edb1cfe2-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014